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- ☐ 1. **PTO-1449 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)**
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enclosed herewith.

Also attached is a copy of the pending claims in related copending application Serial No. 08/928,757 and copending application Serial No. 09/899,303. Consideration of the attached claims is requested.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☐ 5. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☒ 6. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
 - ☐ a) The required Statement made in item 8 below; or
 - ☒ b) The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 9 below.
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 - ☐ b) The required Statement is stated in item 8 below.
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- ☒ 9. Please charge all deficiency fees associated with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees applicable to this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. An original and one (1) copy of

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Respectfully submitted,
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